

Aspartame Docket #02P-0317

Is there any relationship between aspartame and cancer or brain tumors?

No. Aspartame does not cause cancer according to the American Cancer Society, the FDA and the National Cancer Institute (NCI).

A recent analysis of NCI statistics on cancer incidence in the United States found that,

“These and other data do not point to a clear link, based on animal or human studies, between the use of aspartame and the development of brain tumors.”

In addition, the NCI web site notes, “There is no evidence that the regulated artificial sweeteners on the market in the United States are related to cancer risk in humans.”

The National Cancer Institute is one component of the National Institute of Health (NIH), which in turn, one of eight agencies in the Public Health Service (PHS) in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The NCI, established under the National Cancer Act of 1937, is the Federal Government’s principal agency for cancer research and training.

For more information regarding the NCI and its assessment of the safety of aspartame, please visit: http://cis.nci.nih.gov/fact/3_19.htm.

For your convenience and reference this information has been attached in PDF form.

Respectfully submitted,

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